

District II Advisory Board Minutes

August 4, 2003

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library at 5939 E. 9th Street North.

Members Present

Martha Bruce Fair
Daryl Crotts
Ray Frederick
Larry Frutiger
Tim Goodpasture
Joe Johnson
David Mollhagen
Phil Ryan
Jim Vossen
Marty Weeks

Staff Present

Jack Brown, Environmental Health
Donte Martin, City Manager's Office

Guests

Serena Metcalf
Rom Means
Charlotte Foster
Greg Allison

Members Absent

Sarah Devries
Matt Hesse

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The agenda for the August 4, 2003 DAB II meeting was approved as submitted (Bruce Fair/Frederick).
The minutes for the July 7, 2003 DAB II meeting were approved as submitted (Johnson/Frutiger).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

No items submitted

2. Off-agenda items

No items submitted

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

3. Residency Requirement for City Boards & Commissions

Donte Martin, City Manager's Office, presented an item referred by the Council to consider revising the city residency requirement for four (4) technical boards of Mechanical, Plumbers, Electrical, and Code of Standards and Appeals. Currently, residency in Wichita is required for all boards & commissions. Representatives of the local construction industry contend that it is often difficult to identify licensed, qualified city residents to service on these boards. At City Council's request, staff had presented options including (1) retain the current residency requirement for all boards & commissions; (2) modify the residency policy for all boards/commissions on the same basis as City personnel (to live within a 30-minute lawful driving distance; (3) abolish the residency requirement for advisory boards/commissions but limit the number of non-residents to no more than 25% (rounded) members (i.e., two for seven-member boards/commissions and four for 15-member boards/commissions; and (4) modify the residency policy for only the technical boards identified.

DAB II expressed concern that the City could potentially compete with County boards for board members. DAB members asked if members of technical boards could serve on both County and City boards concurrently. The DAB stated the need to expand our talent pool of qualified applicants. Some DAB members stated there should be limited number of nonresidents allowed to serve on technical boards. Some DAB members expressed that nonresidents should be limited to technical boards. A member of a trade association spoke in favor of allowing nonresidents to serve on City technical boards.

Action: The Board recommended by a vote of 6:2 that the City Council modify the residency policy for boards allowing a limited number (25% rounded) of nonresidents to serve on all city boards.

4. Community Services Block Grant Committee

Sarah Gilbert, Career Development Services, presented information on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Review Committee and that DAB Members have been utilized in the past for this committee. She explained the role of the committee as providing input and review for the annual application for CSBG funds and other associated activities. Gilbert asked for DAB Members to consider volunteering for either appointment to the Review Committee or stand for election, if not appointed. She explained that four members are appointed by City Council as Members of the Public; four members are elected; and, four others represent the different sectors of the community such as Business, Low-Income, etc. Gilbert also said that the Committee meets about four times each year for about an hour and a half (90 minutes) and that meetings are set on an as needed basis.

Action: Jim Vossen volunteered to serve on the committee

5. Central Avenue Bridge at Tara Street

Robert Younkin, Public Works, presented this Capital Improvement Program project to improve the Central Avenue Bridge at Tara Street. The existing bridge is a concrete box culvert. The project will extend the structure to the north and south. Central will be widened east and west of Tara to provide four through lanes and a two-way center left turn lane. The project is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed next spring. The project budget is \$720,000 with \$270,000 paid by the City and \$450,000 by Federal Grants administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Action: DAB II approved the project as submitted.

PLANNING AGENDA

7. ZON2003-38; CUP 2003-38 DP 238 Twenty-First Commercial CUP Amendment #2

WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF MAPD

BOARD AGENDA

8. Updates, Issues, and Reports

No items were discussed.

The next regularly scheduled DAB II meeting will be September 15, 2003 at City Hall.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.